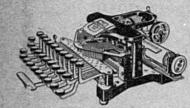
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"The better the day the better the deed" is not a Mexican maxim, for Sundays and feast days are given over to bullfights, cocking mains and gam-

A beautiful Sunday afternoon found me in my seat, facing an audience of over 8,000 people, to witness the great bullfight that had been extensively advertised for that occasion.

The Plaza de Toras is the bullring, a great circular building with an interior that is an immense amphitheater, seating thousands of people. The seats are circular and in tiers, rising from the ground to the top, where the private boxes are. There is no roof except over the private boxes, and as the sun beats down there is of course a shady side and one side in the blazing sun.

Prices in the sun are as low as 25 and 50 cents and graded upward to \$5 per sent. Boxes are from \$5 and \$10 per seat, eight persons occupying a box. Our entire party of over sixty occupied boxes, and they were all in their seats ready for the greatest novelty of their life, as not one in our pary had ever witnessed such a scene. The ring itself is an arena over a

hundred feet in diameter, encircled by strong board fence about five feet high, with a foot rail on the inside two eet from the ground. This is to assist the capeadore too closely pursued by the bull to escape by a leap over the fence to a passageway that extends around the ring between the fence and the seats. A gorgeously decorated box near the center of the shady side down low near the ring is for the president of the republic or for some state or municipal officer, who must be a man of executive ability and well posted in managing and deciding all questions of the bullfight. He is the umpire, and the more bulls and horses killed and the bloodier and flercer the fighting the more he is cheered and the more popular he become with the people.

He has full sway and power, and all to the hilt in the bull's shoulder or be ook to him for a bloody fight. If it is going tamely, the great throng hiss and show their displeasure in no unmistak-able manner. He must then demand nore vigorous action from the numerous performers-fiercer bulls and more horses gored and slain.

The box we occupied was at the top immediately over this box of honor, and as the entrance of the bull was through a dark passageway just to the left of the president's box, we could see the back of the bulls as they entered and looked right down on the gov ernor of the state, who on this Sunday ifternoon was the only occupant of this great seat of honor at a Mexican oullfight. The entrance of the performrs was through a gate exactly oppo site the president's box.

All is now ready. The immense band playing, but the music is drowned by he noise and howling of all the thon sands present. Impatience seems to make them mad for the battle to begin. A blast from a bugle pierces the air of this beautiful Sunday afternoon. At this signal the gate opposite the president's box opens, and all the performers enter just within the inclosure. Then a single gayly costumed horse man, called the alquazil, mounted on a splendid horse, rides directly to the front of the governor and asks permis sion to kill the bulls. Permission granted, the governor tosses to him the key of the door at which the bulls enter which he catches, and backs his fine borse clear across the ring to receive als company in waiting. Now there is a grand flourish of trumpets, brilllant spectacle, finely formed athlete in costumes of silk and satin, gold and velvet. They march quickly across the arena, bow to the governor and then to the audience. First in the gay proession as they march around the ring are the matadores, the stars, who hanlie the swords to the death of the bulls; next the banderilleros, second in honor, who place the banderillas in the bulls' shoulders to enrage them; next, and third in rank, the capea dores, who manipulate the capes or colored flags to distract the bulls' at tention when any of the company are being pressed too hard and in unusual danger; next the picadors on horseback, their lance in hand; next four mules gayly harnessed; behind these, two men with wheelbarrows, shovels. and then some attendants called wise monkeys from their good suggestions

and advice to the performers. All now retire from the ring except the capeadores to enter in their turn. Again we hear the bugle blast, the door is thrown open, and the bull is entering, coming from a dark stall where he has been kept three days in darkness. As he enters under the rall a barbed steel point covered with flowing ribbons is placed in his shoulder. Maddened by the pain, he bounds forward to the center of the ring, where, with head up and tail lashing the air, he stops and looks around, seemingly bewildered.

Now before the carnage begins it is magnificent sight. I shall never for-The great, splendid beast pawing the earth, shaking his huge bulk to dislodge the barbed steel in his shoulier, which only increased the pain, and he bellows in rage and fury, the bands playing, the thousands shouting, impatient for the carnage. A look to the right and left by the bull, and the unequal fight is on. A cape is waved in front of him. He lowers his head and makes the charge, only to find it drawn way, and he nearly breaks his neck in trying to recover from the impetus, out he never learns, for this is repental scores of times before the death of the bull, who always charges at the bright object and never at the man. Always when the bull is fresh at the start he chases the cape throwers around the ring, and to save their lives they leap the barriers. They did on this occasion many times.

Now comes the really artistic and in-

A REVOLTING SPORT teresting feature of the Cultight, the darts about two feet long with a sharp barbed point and covered with fancy colored ribbons. A man without a cape or any means of defense takes banderillas, one in each hand, holds them up facing the mad bull, shakes the ribbons to call the bull to him, and as he charges with his head down the darts are placed just over the horns in the shoulders of the beast. The barb causes them to hang as if they were for ornaments, but as he shakes himself they good him to rage and madness, and he bellows lus These darts must be put in like lightning, for the rule is that the man

must be facing the bull, and the ani-

mal must be in action and en the at-

tack. It is said that the bull in the mo ment of attack closes his eyes, so it is but a quick decision of the instant to thrust the darts, step to one side, and the bull passes, only to find another man ready to do the same trick for his further decoration. Eight or ten are placed in every bull. While this is go ing on and before all the darts are placed in the bull he finds a picador on a horse in his way, a poor, broken down, blindfolded horse that cannot see his danger. The picador manipulates the guidance of the animal to save himself. The bull madly charges Bull, horse and rider are mixed up in a bloody, revolting scene that is impossible to describe. The horse is no always killed the first time, but is taken out, sewed up, cold water dash ed all over him and brought back to enact the same scene over again until

dead. The bull has killed two horses, is covered with darts, bloody from horns to tail, panting heavily, and the bugle again sounds the call for the matador to enter and kill the bull. Sword in right hand and little red flag in left he crosses the ring to the front of the governor and tells him he will kill the bull in the most approved style. The red flag is on a pole in his left hand. He crosses his left arm over his breast, throwing the flag to his right and with the sharp sword in his right hand and held high. This gives him fair play for the thrust. He flutters the flag before the enraged animal, and as the bull lunges forward to attack the flag the matador drives the sword tween them, cutting the spinal cord or plercing the heart. The bull falls to his knees and lies down to die. Then an attendant gives what is called the stroke of mercy by plunging a dagger between the horns, which causes in stant death, and now come the mules to haul off the dead bull. Then men with wheelbarrows clean out the ring. which is done instantly, and by time the dead bull is out of sight the bugle sounds for the second performance, and the second bull enters. than thirty minutes have passed since

the killing of the first bull. In the foregoing I have told you of the killing of one bull and two horses Six bulls and many horses were killed on this afternoon. I remained unti four bulls were killed and was the last one of our party to leave, for the reason that I wished to see enough to be able to better describe it. In the killing of the four bulls the scene was just the same, differing only in fierceness and intensity. The third bull charged on one horse and rider and, thrusting his great horns into the horse's side, lifted horse and rider from the ground and carried them at least fifty feet. Horse and rider fell in a great mixup. and for a few moments the man was in great danger. Attention of the bull was diverted by a red flag being thrust before him. The man recovered, mount ed the same horse and affacked the bull again before leaving the ring. In every case the dead bull is taken out dressed and quartered ready for the market before the bull following him

is killed. But enough. I have given you the facts without comment. I have seen a Mexican bullfight in all its ghastly and revolting horror. Pain and not pleas ure thrills one's being in witnessin such a spectacle, - J. C. Barlow in Streator (III.) Independent Times.

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FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

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To the Republicans of Harrison county-I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of assessor for the Upper district of Harrison county, subject to the decisio of the voters at the Republican pri mary election to be held on the fifth day, of May, 1904.

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